



RECEIVED

DEC 17 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY.'S DOCKET: BARENHOLZ=1

In re Application of:) Art Unit: 1637
Yechezkel BARENHOLZ et al) Examiner: J. Fredman
Appln. No.: 09/780,757) Washington, D.C.
Date Filed: February 8, 2001) Confirmation No. 6619
For: DETECTION OF BINDING OF) December 12, 2002
CHARGED SPECIES USING...)

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of
August 14, 2002, for which a one-month extension of time
for response is hereby requested, please enter the
following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

19. (Amended) A method for determining binding
of a species at a surface having a local environment at a
given pH or surface potential, wherein said binding is
effective to alter said pH or potential, the method
comprising:

incorporating at said surface a probe which
comprises a pH- or potential-sensitive fluorophore